



OU-5 sawdust  
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Ms. Thomas;

Spring is in the air in Libby, MT. As the snow recedes my three, (soon to be four) rambunctious grandchildren are starting to spend more time outdoors.

I have asked many questions about the sawdust from OU-5 in my capacity as a Libby City Councilman. EPA has refused to respond to the questions of an elected official.

The questions I have today are questions I pose as a Grandfather, a very, very protective Grandfather.

We lost Lukes Jrs' father to an industrial accident when my daughter was three months pregnant. Luke is the only member of his fathers family who will carry on the Pederson name. My other two grandsons are of the lineage of DeShazer, a family with a known genetic predisposition for ARD. Their father had leukemia at a young age and has not regained good health. He is often found pushing these boys in the swings.

All of my Grandchildren have been born since EPA came to town to "reduce exposures".

I have sawdust from OU-5 that I have used as a cushion below the swings that my grandsons use at my house. When I obtained the sawdust from OU-5 I was assured that it had been tested by EPA. OU-5 is an Operable Unit of this Superfund site and it made sense that EPA had tested the material in light of the studies on bark done by Dr. Tony Ward. It also made sense that if EPA found Libby Amphibole fibers in that sawdust, they would warn people about it.

Can you tell me more about the sawdust that my grandchildren are playing in? When did EPA notify the public of the test results of the sawdust at OU-5? Did EPA have authority or responsibility to warn people when those test results came back positive for LA? Are people being exposed when they stir up the sawdust used in walking trails, swingsets, flowerbeds, or anywhere else this material is used? Does burning this material pose a threat to public health? Did EPA track where this material was used after it left an Operable Unit of the Libby Asbestos Superfund Site?

Sincerely, "Boompa" Orr